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## Letter dated 17 May 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1596 (2005) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In paragraph 21 of the resolution, the Council requested me to re-establish, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for a period expiring 31 July 2005, the Group of Experts referred to in paragraph 10 of resolution 1533, with the addition of a fifth expert having the necessary skills to perform the mandate, as set out in the same paragraph.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1596 (2005), I have appointed the following five experts:

1. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka (Senegal, Chairman)
2. Ms. Kathi Lynn Austin (United States of America, arms trafficking expert)
3. Mr. Enrico Carisch (Switzerland, finance expert)
4. Mr. Abdoulaye Cissoko (Mali, aviation expert)
5. Mr. Jean Luc Gallet (France, customs and border control expert)

I have also selected Mr. Ka to chair the Group of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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